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The Dangers of Docility

Ten years ago, even five years ago, the necessity for defending the annual commemoration of Anzac Day against the walls of cretinous little oddities could never have been contemplated; but the British Empire, or the British Commonwealth of Nations as it is more correctly named, has always been an affront to the dissatisfied Powers. Even so, the prestige of that Empire has been generally recognised and its continued existence taken for granted. Since the Great War, the smaller nations in particular have learned to look to the Empire as a vital force in the work of securing universal peace, while its component parts have been welded more firmly together in economic as well as racial harmony. It must have come as a shock, therefore, to most Britons when, almost coincident with Anzac Day and Empire Day, newspapers, both in England and in Europe were gloating over the Empire's alleged loss of prestige, and individuals, both in England and the Dominions were calmly suggesting the partitioning of the Empire in the interests of peace. This is the pretty pass in which our more ostrich-like pacifists have landed us.

Throughout the long wearisome course of the Italo-Abyssinian dispute, Britain made it quite clear that she would act only in concert with the other member nations of the League. If those nations would go just so far but no further, that was not the fault of the British Empire. Neither was it Britain's fault that an organisation which, at best, is still in the experimental stage of evolution manifested certain inherent weaknesses in the face of a crisis. The Empire did secure the imposition of sanctions in a mild form and has, all along, acted in the interests of the League for which the British Commonwealth of Nations is a half-way house. This was the first time that any such action was taken in the interests of collective security. The inadequacy of the action, either to restrain Italian aggressiveness or to end the war once it had started, may look to the superficial observer like a decided rebuff to Britain, but if British policy which has been consistent throughout can cause the League of Nations to be reborn like the phoenix from the flames that ended its first span of life and if that rebirth will give the world a stronger and more efficient League, the Empire's prestige will be enhanced rather than diminished.

That the League of Nations was not strong enough to enforce its decisions is the fault of those pacifists who, in season and out of season, have preached disarmament, led crusades against armament makers to an extent which drove zeal beyond the bounds of discretion and then paradoxically enough demanded the imposition of drastic sanctions that would immediately have plunged neutral countries into another world-war. The fact is, the Empire disarmed to a degree almost synonymous with national suicide. Mussolini knew it; Hitler knew it; and both dictators traded upon the universally-expressed yearning for peace to perform acts which in an older generation would inevitably have provoked war. Mussolini also took advantage of the outcry against the armament firms to bluff the other Powers into a position which denied arms and munitions to Abyssinia, so that that country had to defend herself hamstrung and hog-tied, so to speak. So far, no very great harm has been done except to those unfortunate Abyssinians who have seen their country overrun and their women and children decimated by poison gas, but the question now arises: What next?

Hitler seems satisfied for the time being with the reoccupation of the Rhineland. Mussolini has declared that Italy may now rank among the satisfied nations. Having realised that a peace-loving world will submit to anything rather than effectively resist aggression, both dictators are liable to carry on with the evil work of ignoring treaty obligations.

Our docile pacifists have said and done much that will encourage them in this course. The fact that Germany's lost colonies have not been annexed but are held under mandates by other Powers has encouraged Germany to believe that they will one day be returned to her. When that belief passes through the stage of propaganda into a positive demand trouble will arise. Four years ago, a French minister, a member of the Daladier Cabinet, sought to stave off German rearmament by suggesting that France give Germany access to raw materials in North Africa. That was the germ of the idea elaborated by Sir Samuel Hoare in the interests of collective security towards the end of last year. It was eagerly seized upon and amplified by Germany, Italy and Japan, the three dissatisfied Powers who transformed a suggestion into a concession through weakness. If the unrest in the Dominions, caused by a suggestion which has fanned desires into virtual demands were not sufficient, we now find evidence of the dumb docility that would give away parts of the British Empire to any Power that comes asking with guns in its hands. Mr. Beverley Nichols, the precocious boy among contemporary publicists, has suggested that the Japanese were designed by God for a tropical existence—their own country is in the same latitude as the British Isles—and that therefore the north of Australia should be ceded to
them. His book, appropriately named "A Fool Hath Said," had hardly been commented upon in the daily papers when a South Australia parson advocated, at an alleged Anzac Service of all occasions, that Western Australia should be handed over to Germany or Japan. No one in Perth, or any other Australian capital for that matter, is likely to take Mr. Beverley Nichols or the South Australian clergymen very seriously, but it is even money that their remarks will be featured in the German and the Japanese Press for our future embarrassment.

It is high time that the docile pacifist who would turn the other cheek and then bend down and touch his toes was put through a course of elementary school history. He might then learn something about the Dan-Geld which was a subsidy paid by Ethelred the Unready and other Saxon kings to Danish raiders to induce them to go back home without ravaging the English coast. The Danes took the money and came back for more until they finally conquered and ruled England. That type of docility is more conducive to future wars than all the sabre-rattling of jingoes, assuming that jingoes still exist outside the befuddled minds of people like Beverley Nichols and John K. Ewers.

STATE BATTERY CHARGES

At the last meeting Colonel Olden reported to the State Executive on behalf of the Mining Committee as follows:

In connection with a letter from Mr. Magnet sub-branch re State Battery charges, I desire to advise in company with the State Secretary of waiting upon the Hon. Minister for Mines (Mr. Munsie), on Wednesday, April 29.

The two main subjects brought before the Minister were:

(a) State Battery charges.
(b) Payments for sands.

It was pointed out to the Minister that whereas when gold was at a standard price the charge for trading sands was 3 dwt. per ton, valued at 12/-, the present deduction from crushing returns is 2 dwt. 3 grains, valued at about 19/-. This, with the crushing charge of 10/- per ton, makes the total cost of treatment to the prospectors 29/- per ton, or an increase of 7/- per ton.

Assuming that the State Battery operated without loss at the old price of gold the prospector saw no reason for the present increase in charges.

Sands—The men concerned considered that they had been harshly handled in the matter for settlement of their sands. The deduction of 10/- for sandage and adjustment on the basis of 75 per cent. on assay value was considered unsatisfactory and inequitable. It was also complained that payment for sands should be made on assay instead of being deferred, for some times many weeks, pending treatment.

The suggestion that the high charges in comparison with private companies costs are to a degree occasioned by the fact of State Battery plants being out of date was also mentioned.

The Minister in reply said that he had visited the Mount Magnet district, apparently since these complaints were forwarded to the League office, and whilst there had met a deputation on the matters quoted. He said that having discussed things frankly with the prospectors, he had come away, feeling that a satisfactory understanding had been arrived at. The State Batteries, he said, during the past 3 years had shown a profit over working expenses, without making any allowance for interest, depreciation, etc. Against this profit, however, the Government carting subsidy paid to prospectors had been placed by the Treasury as from the basis of financial calculation. The two phases were considered inseparable. This had disclosed a net loss of State Battery operations of £21,000 for the three years. He had asked the prospectors, if in view of the greatly enhanced value of their product, they considered it reasonable that they should expect the Treasury in increase that loss by granting the reduction in charges. Alternatively, were they prepared to forego the carting subsidy in favour of such reduction. To each of these queries, the Minister stated, that he had received negative replies.

With regard to the suggestion that the plants were out of date the Minister said extension and reconditioning of plants were now in hand, and he had not, anticipated cause for complaint on that score in the future.

Re delayed payments, the Minister said that sometimes there occurred delays in the head office of the Treasury, but the Government would be standing out of too much money if payments were made on assay value.

In connection with the Battery charges, Mr. Munsie said that prospectors could hire the battery at the rate of 8/6 per hour for a 5-head or 16/6 per hour for a 10-head mill. There was a minimum of 5/- per ton, although the normal battery charges, if heavy, the tonnage basis was 10/- per ton. Generally speaking, taking hard and soft stone, the crushing worked out from 6/- to 7/- per ton, and in view of everything, particularly the increased price for gold, the Minister considered this reasonable.

Your representatives were extended every courtesy by the Minister and he frankly discussed every question, particularly the limitations of the State Battery.

INCREASE DEFENCE FORCES, NORTH AUSTRALIA

The last Federal Congress carried a resolution which reads:

"That the Federal authorities be asked to institute enquiries with a view to increasing the various arms of the Defence Forces in Northern Australia."

The following reply was received from the Minister for Defence:

With reference to your representations relative to Resolution No. 173 of the 20th Annual Congress of your League on the subject of increasing the various arms of the Defence Forces in North Australia, I am communicating my further observations as promised when the receipt of the resolution was acknowledged.

It will be fully realised by the members of your congress who have always displayed so keen an interest in matters
of a National defence, that the defence of North Australia is inseparably linked with the general scheme of defence for the whole of the Commonwealth. It follows therefore from the organisation and disposition of the forces that have been raised, that underlying their strength and location are certain considerations of policy and strategy which, in the first place, have regard to the most vital centres whose loss would compel submission or imperil the capacity to offer resistance. That these considerations do not exclude North Australia will be evident from the forces already located in Queensland and the Northern Territory and the attention that is being given under the Three Years' Programme to Darwin and Brisbane.

As to the future, I would invite your attention to the following passage from page 21 of my statement of 2nd December, on the Defence Policy of the Government:

The objectives of the Three Years' Programme which may be considered intermediate to the ultimate strengths outlined earlier in this speech as necessary for security, comprise only the most pressing needs on which stress has been laid. Much will still remain to be done, and the Government in initiating the programme has emphasized that security can be realised only by the continual development of an effective policy.

While I cannot divulge, for reasons of public interest, the details of what is ultimately contemplated in the measures still necessary for the defence of the Commonwealth, you may be assured that the relation of North Australia is prominently before the Government and its advisers. I would add that, from the unity of the problem of Australian defence, the comprehensive reviews of the defence position which are periodically made entail a survey of all areas and aspects of the subject.

I would again assure you of the appreciation of the Government of the interest which your Congress displays in the important question of defence policy.

GOODWILL AND WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE

At the last Federal Congress of the League the following resolution was carried:

"That this Congress urges the Empire Council of the British Empire Service League to convene immediately a Conference of representatives of ex-soldiers organisations throughout the world for the purpose of creating and extending goodwill among the nations and of discussing ways of obtaining and preserving world peace."

The General Secretary has sent a copy of letter received from the Hon. Secretary of the B.E.S.L., which reads:

Further to my letter of the 8th ultimo, I beg to advise you that the above resolution was placed before the Empire Council at their meeting held on the 24th February.

The proposal was very carefully discussed and most of the members present gave their views on the subject.

Colonel Crosfield, who has taken a very prominent part in the work done by the British Legion and the F.I.D.A.C., in connection with the promotion of good relations between ex-service men of the world, kindly gave the Council a full account of what action had been taken and an explanation of the present position.

At the request of the Council, Colonel Crosfield agreed to prepare a memorandum fully describing this work, and the Council unanimously decided that a copy should be sent to the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, in reply to their letter of the 10th December, and also to all the other constituent organisations of the British Empire Service League. It was also decided that the memorandum should be accompanied by a letter, stating that the Empire Council do not consider that the present time is opportune for convening a conference of representatives of ex-soldiers' organisations throughout the world.

I am accordingly enclosing a copy of Colonel Crosfield's memorandum herewith, and trust it will prove of interest to your executive, inasmuch as it shows that this most important question is receiving serious consideration.

BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE

British Legion International Work

1. The British Legion has been a member of the Inter-allied Federation of ex-service men, known as FIDAC, ever since the Legion was formed in 1921.

2. The Legion some years ago persuaded FIDAC to meet representatives of German ex-service organisations. The ex-service organisations on the right in Germany, such as the Stalhelm and the Officers' Association, refused at that time to have anything to do with the meeting as the Versailles Treaty stood in the way. The two meetings which were held at Luxembourg in successive years did not produce any satisfactory results.

3. Last year the Prince of Wales gave his blessing to the proposal that the British Legion itself should get in touch with those German ex-service organisations which Hitler had allowed to remain in being. At the same time that the British Legion made contact with German ex-service organisations, contact was also made with the Austrian and Hungarian organisations. The contact in all cases proved to be highly satisfactory and return visits have been, or are being made.

4. The British Legion proposed at the last annual congress of FIDAC that FIDAC should be converted from an Inter-allied body into an International body. This resolution was voted against by every allied country, the only country voting for it being the proposer, namely, Great Britain.

5. The members of FIDAC stated that the reason they turned down the British Legion resolution was that they did not want FIDAC, which had been formed as an allied body, to change its Charter. They were, however, convinced of the desirability of working together with ex-enemy ex-service organisations. To this end they set up a permanent international committee of ex-servicemen, the headquarters of which were to be in the FIDAC offices, charged with the duty of arranging international meetings in the various countries which had taken part in the War. The chairman of this committee is a past chairman of FIDAC (M. Desbons), the hon. secretary is likewise a past chairman of FIDAC (Colonel Crosfield). This permanent committee has not yet been fully established as there have been many preliminaries to be gone through.

6. The difficulties with which the Legion has been faced in developing this international work have been very considerable. The French ex-service organisations are divided in their opinion as to the desirability or not. The Belgians are very much opposed to having anything to

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do with German ex-service organisations, although they did not oppose the setting up of the international committee.

7. Independent of all the work the FIDAC international committee may do, the British Legion is continuing its contact-making work with enemy ex-service organisations, keeping FIDAC informed of what it is doing.

In connection with this work of the Legion, Earl Harrowby has invited 60 ex-service men to spend a week in camp at his place during May. FIDAC is being asked to produce 40 and the enemy countries 20 ex-service men. This meeting is simply to give an opportunity to men who have fought against each other to get to know each other. There will be no agenda and no resolutions.

8. The German ex-servicemen have, as already-intimated, paid a return visit to this country, the visit being interrupted by the death of our late King. Hungarian representatives are coming over here towards the end of April, and in June the British Legion is sending a delegation to Bulgaria.

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WESTRALIAN CAVALRY
IN THE WAR

The intense interest which has recently been reawakened in the Holy Land through the medium of such books as "In the Steps of the Master," etc., brings forcibly to our minds the fact that our own 10th Light Horse Regiment—a purely Western Australian unit of the A.I.F.—played a most conspicuous part in the long-drawn-out drama beginning on Gallipoli and terminating victoriously with the capture of Damascus three and a half years later.

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WESTRALIAN CAVALRY IN THE WAR

by
Lieut.-Colonel A. C. N. Olden, D.S.O.

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This book should not only be of great value to military students and to those who served with Lieut.-Colonel Olden, but it should be of great interest to the general public, as it gives a graphic description of the whole campaign in which the Egyptian Expeditionary Force was engaged, a campaign of which, though
so full of historic interest, so little is yet known.

Lieut.-Colonel Olden is well qualified to undertake the work, as, joining the Regiment on its inception, he served with it throughout the War, and, though twice wounded, was never long away from duty. He temporarily commanded it during the absence (wounded) of Colonel Todd on more than one occasion (notably during the 2nd Battle of Gaza) and finally succeeded to the command after the death of Colonel Todd. He has modestly omitted his own name from the text, but he was present at all the operations of which he writes, and was the officer who took the surrender of Damascus from the Emir Said on the early morning of the 1st October, 1918. To his energy and initiative the Regiment owes much of its success. When the insurrection suddenly broke out in Egypt, in March, 1919, Lieut.-Colonel Olden was sent out hurriedly to one of the worst centres of the disturbance, in command of a mixed force of Australians composed entirely of volunteers from convalescents at the hospitals waiting shipment to Australia. It was largely owing to his prompt and energetic leadership that a considerable amount of valuable property was saved and the insurrection quelled in that area.

He pays a generous tribute to his late Commander, Lieut.-Colonel T. J. Todd, G.M.G., D.S.O., whose loss has been a severe one both to his country and to the Australian Military Forces. A gallant and capable leader—his first thought was always his regiment, which he brought to a state of efficiency which placed it second to none in the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. His regiment owes him much and I think his country, too.

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Victoria Park, bye.

MEMORIES—YOU’RE GETTING OVER THE ‘FLU

By J. P. MCKINNEY, author of the Prize-Winning War Novel, “Crucible”

You’re sitting in an easy chair on the sunny corner of the front verandah, packed round with cushions and with the morning paper, lying half-read on the floor beside you. You’ve had a bout of the ‘flu and you’ve been home from the office for a day or so. As a matter of fact, you’re pretty O.K. again today, but the wife—well, you know how women fuss about a man. Anyway, she thought you should make another day of it; and, to tell the truth, you didn’t put up much argument against the idea, and, in fact, on consideration—one the chair was put out in the sun and the cushions arranged and the paper and your cigarettes handy—you began to think that the wife was right and that another day of convalescence wouldn’t do you any harm.

And the wife brought out your dressing gown for you, and a rug to put over your knees in case the wind got a bit chilly. And you put on the dressing gown, not because the wind was chilly—as a matter of fact it’s a beautiful, warm morning—but because it helps you to feel the way you want to feel to justify you in having another day’s loaf.

You light up and read the paper for a while, but you’re feeling so nice and comfortable and lazy that you can’t be bothered reading. So presently you drop the paper and puff away quietly, and somehow you start thinking...

You’re thinking of the old faces and the old places, and you fall to wondering what has happened to the old crowd. There’s some of them, of course, you see pretty regularly about the city or at the League meetings or on Anzac Day. But then there are others—strange how dim memory is growing with the years—others you have almost forgotten, it’s so long since you’ve seen or heard of them.

And you sit there half dozing and half thinking, and out of the mists of memory there rise up, ghost-like, the forms and faces of Nugget, and Charley, and Snowy, and Bill, and—and who was that one? You can’t quite remember. And the effort of memory half rouses you and—

There’s a chap just coming up the garden path, a pretty miserable sort of poor coot, a canvasser or a hum or something. As he comes up the verandah steps to the front door you notice, idly,
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that there isn't much spring in his step. They must get pretty weary doing their daily round, these chaps, but they're a damned nuisance, just the same. You watch this chap—a fairly delapidated specimen though clean enough—put up his hand to ring the door bell, and then—

Out of the mists of memory, out of the faded past, there rises a form and a face—the face of—yes, good God! And before he can ring the bell you call out, “Halt that man!” just as if you were talking in your sleep.

And he stops and looks, and then comes towards you. And he takes off his hat—old Bill Carruthers does—to you, and starts to say, “Good morning, Sir. I wonder would you be good enough?”

Yes, that's what old Bill Carruthers starts to say—-to you, sitting there, packed round with cushions and with your dressing gown and slippers on. Old Bill Carruthers had in hand to you, and the hand white and skinny and a bit shaky, and his face worn and pinched, and his old worn clobber and battered shoes—and you sitting there with your dressing gown and pillows, and the wife going to bring out morning tea to you—poor invalid!— whenever you want it.

And suddenly you feel as if you're a miserable, malingering—but never mind. Old Bill isn't to blame for that. But the sight of him there, with his hat in his shaky hand, sort of gives you a kick in the seat of your self-respect. And you jump up, and he recognises you, and for a moment it looks as if he's going to turn and bolt. But you grab his hand, and while you're shaking it you jam him down into the easy chair. And you pull over another stiff-backed chair for yourself and shove him over the cigarettes and—

But poor old Bill isn't at his ease at first. And you aren't, either, for that matter. Perhaps he's feeling a bit conscious and ashamed of his clobber—his battered shoes, his relic of a hat with a hole where the dent comes to a point, and his coat all sagged and frayed and faded. Yes, Bill isn't quite at his ease on account of his rig-out. But he needn't bother. You're not quite at your ease, either, on account of your rig-out—your dressing gown and slippers and silk shirt, to say nothing of the cushions.

But presently, a bit at a time—a word from him and a word from you, an incident he'd forgotten, another you hadn't remembered for years—and you get to the stage that neither of you bother. You just sit there and smoke, and yarn and yarn and yarn.

And you work over all the old ground and you come, at last, to the post-war period—a trifle cautiously on your part, in case you make old Bill self-conscious again. But he's at his ease now—the same old straightforward Bill Carruthers, your old cobber—and he tells you about...

... About a bit of a pineapple farm up the North Coast. That's just after the war, and Bill couldn't settle down to the old office routine again and he fancied the land—you know, the "open spaces" and that sort of thing. It's quite an ordinary story as such stories go—rotten soil, no crop, and no prices anyway, but a load of debts for feriliser, yes, and for tucker and clothes, too—tucker and clothes for himself and the missus and the kid. You see, old Bill had got married soon after he came back—took his bride out to those same "open spaces" and set about rearing a family to help him run the place when he got too old.

And then—in some ways it isn't the same old story—his wife died, after a couple of years of battling with him. And Bill didn't have enough money to bury her decently. So he gathered up a load of sawn timber that was on the place for him to build another couple of rooms with when the new youngster arrived—which it isn't going to do now—and he sold the timber, two lorry loads of it, and paid for a decent funeral.

And the timber wasn't his—the State had the whole show under mortgage, lock, stock and barrel—and they sent the police out to inquire about it. That was the day after the funeral, and old Bill got the wind up—old Bill who wasn't afraid of the whole German army in the old days. And he packed up a few things, enough for himself and the kid, and bolted. And they took out a warrant for him, and they collected him, camped with the youngster under a bridge, and—

And just at this moment the wife comes onto the end of the verandah with the morning tea on a tray for her poor, invalid husband. She looks startled for a moment, but you give her the tip, without Bill seeing—he's carried away by his story, poor beggar—to make it three cups. And she comes back presently with more hot scones and some tea cakes. And old Bill, speaking in the old familiar vernacular, is just saying..."Anyway, the bastards..." And then he hears the cups rattle, and looks up, and for a second you think he's going to make a break for it. But you hop up quick and introduce the wife, and she smiles and makes out she didn't know he was there till that exact moment—oh yes, does it wonderfully well—and Bill looks at you as much as to say, "Thank God she didn't hear." And you pull up a small table and another chair—which Bill insists upon sitting on while the wife takes the easy chair, though the way he sank down into those cushions when you pushed him into it that's where he ought to be.

And you and the wife keep on talking and don't notice how many scones poor old Bill gets away with. And you all yarn and chat, and old Bill gets brighter and chattier the more he eats. And then you slip away and parcel up a spare pair of shoes in your bedroom—they're still perfectly good shoes, but, damn it, what man has a right to three pair of shoes?—and put them down alongside Bill's hat on the quiet.

And you get Bill's address—after a bit of pressing—and you arrange for him to slip into the office in a few days and see you—you're going to get something for Bill if you have to turn the earth backwards on its axis to do it.

And then Bill says he must go, and the wife shakes hands with him and goes inside with the tea things. And you start to see Bill off, and he looks at the parcel and looks at you, and starts to mumble something and makes to hand it back. And you lead him along the verandah and say, "Oh, don't be a damned fool!" like that, a bit roughly because you're just as embarrassed as he is. And you shove him down the steps and call after him, "And don't forget about calling at the office. It's an appointment, mind."

You go back into the house and give the wife a hard to wash up the tea things—you've forgotten all about the flu and being convalescent, or perhaps it is that you're too ashamed, now, to go on with your malingering. And you talk over Bill's wretched story and all about him—except the shoes. You don't mention them, because, really, they were a damned good pair of shoes, and—well, women are funny at times, about anything like that. So you just lie low and say nothing, having been married for quite a number of years.

And on Sunday you decide to take the wife for a run down to Southport for the day, and you start to get ready and you can't find your sports suit and
ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

We were more fortunate in our Anzac Day weather, this year, than our Victorian comrades, for Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, who has just returned to Western Australia from his eastern trip states that heavy rain fell for a full half hour before the parade in Melbourne; weather for which most of those parading were unprepared. But rain cannot damp a digger's enthusiasm and the Victorian parade, like our own, was an exceptionally large one. "The marching was wonderful," Sir Talbot said, when interviewed. "The same spirit which distinguished Australian soldiers during the war seemed to animate the parade, although many men were unfit to march because of war injuries." It will be remembered that Sir Talbot, at the invitation of General Sir Harry Chauvel,

led the parade in Melbourne. He rode at the head of the corps and later joined the vice-regal party on the dais in St. Kilda Road. "I greatly appreciated General Sir Harry Chauvel's invitation," said Sir Talbot.

Sir Talbot also stated that the question of how Anzac Day should be commemorated was receiving much attention in Sydney and Melbourne. "In Melbourne this year, many ex-soldiers wandered aimlessly in the streets at night. I think," he continued, "some sort of recreation should be provided for these men, who in many instances had travelled from distant parts of Victoria to attend the ceremonies." An Anzac night reunion was being considered in Melbourne and Sydney. Latterly, many people have expressed the opinion that some other form of commemoration is desirable. The Fremantle Business Men's Association, evidently imbued with the idea that the taking of petty profits was more important than the taking of the heights of Anzac, suggested that the Landing be commemorated on the Sunday nearest to April 25. That suggestion will carry as much, or as little, weight as would a proposal to hold Labour Day on the first Sunday instead of the first Monday in May. We wonder why these acute business men did not make the latter suggestion as well.

Among the proposed amendments which are really worthy of consideration are those that the day should be made a sort of medival Sunday, devotional in the morning and recreational in the afternoon; or that hotels, theatres and so on should carry on as usual after 6 p.m. Many individual members of the League incline to one or other of these views, but the only indication of the feelings of the majority of ex-service men is to be found in the resolutions passed by the representatives at the Annual State Congresses. These have been uniformly in favour of making the day a fifty-third Sunday. Attempts to alter the method of observance have always been defeated. The fifty-third Sunday could not be made general, as the several States are not uniform in their celebration, but all are in favour of treating the day with reverence. Further, a recent referendum taken among the ex-service men in Queensland was in favour of continuing the present method of commemoration. In Queensland, as in Western Australia, hotel and clubs bars are closed throughout the day.

It has been alleged that the general method of observance makes the day a day of gloom and misery, but that is not the attitude of the League. We prefer to regard it as a day of proud remembrance and not one to be sullied by profiteering sports or other forms of money-making.

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Died in hospital as the result of an accident, W. Mullane, a valued member of the Osborne Park sub-branch. We join with the sub-branch in extending to Mrs. Mullane and her family sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Mrs. E. Harkness, of 18D Lower Symond Street, Auckland, New Zealand, is seeking the address of William Arthur Fry, late of Wellington, New Zealand, who was heard of in Perth about four years ago. It is understood that Mr. Fry served with the 10th Reinforcements, New Zealand Army Service Corps.

Mr. Robert Butterworth, 140 Strayer Street, Dale, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., is endeavouring to trace his brother, No. 3265, Private J. A. Butterworth, 36th Battalion. The latter was born at Urmston, near Manchester, England, on 17th August, 1899, and was discharged from the A.I.F. at Sydney, January, 1920, having embarked from England on 20th November, 1919. He has followed the occupation of a sailor and may be engaged on a vessel in Australian waters.

Mrs. Thomson, of the Victoria Park women's auxiliary, is now a resident of Bunbury, her husband having been recently transferred to that port. The good wish of the auxiliary in which she was such an ardent worker go with her in her new home.

At the April meeting of the South Perth auxiliary, a send-off was given to a foundation member and indefatigable worker, Mrs. Smith, on the eve of her departure on a pleasure trip to England. The president of the auxiliary (Mrs. Orgill) presented the departing guest with a travelling rug, and musical items helped to make the afternoon a cheery one.

One of the speakers at the Subiaco Anzac Day service was the Rev. E. P. McEvoy, the incumbent of the Bagot Road Presbyterian Church. It is not generally known that the good Padre served in the Great War as a sapper of the 122nd Field Company, R.E., and experienced much hardship and danger.

Bill Lynam, 44th Battalion, and a prominent member of the Battalion Association, is at present in the Repatriation Ward. He would like to see some of his old friends.

Lake Grace reports the death of Mr. H. E. Pelham, father of H. H. Pelham, the president of the sub-branch. The deceased served during the War with the 11th Battalion. At the funeral a guard of honour was formed by 48 members of the sub-branch of which he was an active and popular member. Our sincere condolences are tendered to the bereaved family and the sub-branch.

At the May meeting of the Claremont sub-branch, the chairman dropped a Mills when he read a letter in which the treasurer tendered his resignation. "Dad" Barwood, who must be just about the oldest active member of the League in this State, served in the Black Watch and blew a bugle during the Egyptian campaign of 1882. But what wonderful service he has rendered the R.S.L. since its foundation! His departure to his little home in the hills severs a connection with the sub-branch which has lasted since its inception. For the past few years, he has held office as treasurer with credit to himself and profit to the sub-branch, whilst he always found time to visit the sick and maimed of the district. His resignation was accepted with regret and the esteem in which he is held was evidenced by the spontaneous applause which greeted the reference to his service. Mr. Jack Storey was elected to the vacancy.

Harry Hocking of the Repatriation Department is about again after his bout with the surgeon's knife in Ward 11, and his many friends are gratified to learn that he is so well on the way to normal health once more. Another Claremont digger, Dick Hatchett, is quite bucked up at being able to give the information that his good wife is slowly but surely on the mend after her recent serious illness.

R.S.L. cricketers and diggers in general will be pleased to read that Jack Shanahan, the secretary of the Midland Club, is gradually recovering from his recent sojourn on the sick list. Unfortunately through the state of his health, he missed the smoke social, but in return his many friends who attended greatly missed him. We wish him a speedy recovery and tender him and his good wife all sympathy.

At the R.S.L. Cricket Association smoke many nice things were said about Bert King, the genial secretary of the Association. While he has been holding down this honorary but onerous job, Bert has put the Association on the map, to say nothing of the benefits that the sport as a whole has received from his efforts.

One who does good by stealth and blushes when the boys yell out for more is Phil Allen, who, besides proposing the toast of the artists at the R.S.L. Cricket Association smoke, mentioned the good work done by the Association's publicity officer, Bill Menkens. Incidentally, Phil was a popular artist himself that night. He was O.C. stewards, or "Drunk Labourers" as a facetious member of Anzac Club has dubbed those who do their best to quench our immutable thirsts.

Harry Woods, the new president of Maylands sub-branch, has already created a good impression. He has been an active member of Maylands for some years now, and there should be no falling off in efficiency while he is in the chair.

Another popular member of Maylands is the Rev. J. A. Sanders, whose address at the local Anzac Day service was a masterpiece. The good Padre was a
Edgar Logan, who served with the 48th Battalion and was wounded at Paschendaele, has now joined up with the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch. This has been brought about by his recent transfer from Pinjarra where he was head teacher of the State School to a similar position at Swan View which enabled him to take up his residence in his new sub-branch's territory. During his younger days, "Pat" as the 48th used to call him, was a noted athlete and used to carry off the honours for the long jump at Divisional sports meetings in France. He was at one time president of the Ravensthorpe sub-branch, and has been a member of Narrogin and Pinjarra. Last year, his son, a chip of the old block, entered the Royal Military College at Duntrone. He is not taking an active part in the affairs of his new sub-branch, as he is about to take his long service leave, during which he and his good wife will tour Australia. We join with the Leedervillians in wishing them both "bon voyage."

Bill Menken, the publicity officer of the Maylands sub-branch, who was in hospital because of heart trouble after the general elections, is now about again. His first official appearance was at the sub-branch meeting last month when he was accorded a hearty welcome and congratulations on his recovery.

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May 2.—French success south-east of Fort Douaumont. Five Zeppelins raided the north-east of England and the south-east coast of Scotland, killing nine and injuring 29 persons.

May 3.—Hostile aeroplane dropped bombs on Deal. French carry German positions to north-west of Deadman Hill. Mr. Birrell resigns Irish Secretarship. P. H. Pearse, Thomas J. Clarke, and Thomas MacDonagh, signatories to Irish Republican Proclamation shot. Mr. Asquith introduced his Bill for compulsory service of all men between 18 and 41. Zeppelin L. 20 destroyed off Stavanger (Norway) on way back from raid on British coast on May 2.

May 4.—Zeppelin L. 7 destroyed by British cruisers Galatea and Phaeton, and a submarine, off Schleswig.

May 5.—Zeppelin destroyed off Salonika; four officers, eight men made prisoners.

May 6.—Germany's reply to American note on submarine warfare published.

May 7.—General Petain promoted commander-in-chief of the Central armies between Soissons and Verdun.

May 8.—War Office announced that the Australian and New Zealand troops had arrived in France.

May 9.—Three violent German attacks in the region of Hill 304 with large forces, smashed by the French fire.

May 10.—A strong German attack west of Hill 304 completely repulsed by French.

May 11.—German attack north-east of Verdun repulsed.

May 12.—Enemy captured 500 yards of front trenches, portion of which were regained east of Vermeilles. At Verdun, the French extended their positions south-east of Haucourt.

May 13.—Germans, after heavy bombardment, attacked British lines about Ploegsteert Wood, but were repulsed.

May 14.—Austrians commenced an offensive in the Trentino, making only slight advances on the first day.

May 15.—The trial of Roger Casement for high treason commenced at Bow Street. Lancashire Fusiliers seized and occupied the enemy's forward line at Vimy Ridge.

May 16.—Austrians launched an attack against Italians on a narrow front between Zagna Torta and Val Sugana. Encounter off Belgian coast between British destroyers and monitors and German destroyers.

May 17.—Anzac column in Sinai Peninsula successfully attacked enemy troops at Bayoud and Mageibra.

May 18.—Big enemy attack on French positions in the Avocourt Wood and Hill 304 repulsed. Mine crater on Vimy Ridge captured by the enemy. Successful bombardment of El Arish, important post on Turkish line of communications from Syria to Egypt, by British ships and aircraft.

May 19.—Italian retreat on Trentino front. General Gorringe takes the Dujailar redoubt on the Tigris.

May 20.—Lieut.-General Sir Bryan Mahon assumes command in Western Egypt, and is succeeded at Salonika by Lieut.-General Milne.

May 21.—French capture two German trenches between Avocourt Wood and the Meuse, and on the right bank of the river the Haudromont Quarries.

May 22.—French troops re-enter part of Douaumont-Fort.

May 23.—El Fasher, capital of the disaffected Sultan of Darfur, captured by a British column. Italians withdraw between the Astico and the Brenna, north-east of Roverto, and on the Suggarna Valley.

May 24.—The Germans, after heavy sacrifices, enter the village of Cumieres and re-occupy Fort Douaumont.

May 25.—Military Service Bill received Royal Assent.

May 26.—War Office announced General Smuts' capture of Rufu Lager Lembeni, and Ngulu, in East Africa.

May 27.—After fierce fighting, the French won back the eastern part of Cumieres and made progress at Hill 304. Death of General Gallieni.
May 28.—Bulgarian advance in the Struma Valley.

May 29.—Continued Austrian attacks against Italian positions between the Adige and the Arsa Valley, south of Rovereto, repulsed.

May 30.—At Verdun, French successfully resisted a violent attack between Dead Man Hill and Cumières.

May 31.—Battle of Jutland.

32nd BATTALION ASSN.

Western Australian members of the 32nd Battalion have accepted the invitation of their South Australian comrades to visit Adelaide for the centenary celebrations. The party will leave Perth by the Duntroon on Thursday, September 24, and will arrive in Adelaide on September 28. The return trip will be made by the interstate boat which leaves Adelaide on October 9 and reaches Fremantle on October 13. Concession fares, £15 return, 1st class, have been arranged with the shipping company. Accommodation to be booked for the party is bed and breakfast only and an endeavour is being made to book the whole party at the Returned Soldiers’ Club, Adelaide, where the necessary accommodation will be provided for 5s. a day. All members of the Battalion Association are being circularised, and any 32nd man desirous of joining the party is asked to communicate with Jimmy Johnston, Broadway Theatre, Albany Road, Victoria Park, who is honorary secretary of the touring party; Jack Andrew, Anzac Club, or Lou. Lobascher, Economic Chambers, Hay Street, Perth.


28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The annual reunion smoke social will this year be held on June 9, the twenty-first anniversary of the embarkation of the battalion for active service overseas. For some years past the function had been held during Show Week in an endeavour to cater for both country and town members, but on account of the small attendance of country members, and in an effort to stimulate general interest, it has been decided to change the date to June 9. H. R. Nicol (Nick), member of the committee of the Association, is indefatigable in 28th and R.S.L. work. On Saturday,
May 9, he convened a meeting at his home of ex-28th men resident at Victoria Park in an endeavour to secure support for the Association, and to advertise the smoke social. Refreshments were provided by Mrs. and Mr. Nicol and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Although the number was slightly lower than in previous years, 255 ex-members were on parade on Anzac Day. As the president of the Association, Colonel I. E. Dunkley was engaged in military duties with the parade, the senior vice-president (Mr. J. V. Pascoe) was in command, assisted by Messrs. Walters, O'Grady and McIntyre as platoon commanders.

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION
The committee was pleased with the muster on Anzac Day. The next big "hop over" will be on Tuesday, October 6. The sale of art union tickets has been very satisfactory. Book holders are requested to return butts, &c., to M. Lewis, R.S.L. Trading Co., Hay Street, Perth, or W. Eddy, Customs Department, Fremantle, as soon as possible. The women's auxiliary still visits Lemnos on the third Wednesday of each month and would welcome the attendance of some of the Diggers.

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HOWLING THE HOUSE DOWN
A Crude Circulation Stunt

The misunderstanding under which Anzac House was tentatively let to Italians could and would have been adjusted, once the position was realised by the House Committee of the State Executive even had the matter never given the Daily News opportunity of foaming over about it. What sensation-mongers are unaware of is that there are members of that committee just as competent to read Italian as the bright little lads of the Daily News.

The negotiations for the letting were carried out with the manager of Anzac House by two Italian citizens, one of whom was known to him personally as the sub-contractor who did the tarring on the roof of the entrance to Anzac House. During the course of the interview they emphasised more than once the fact that the ballroom was wanted for a private function. When it was known that the function was to be a celebration of the Italian rape of Abyssinia the Italian Consul was communicated with and the booking was cancelled by mutual consent with the utmost goodwill on both sides. The Italians themselves were just as anxious to avoid giving offense to League members as were the members of the House Committee.

This being so, one cannot but deplore the stunt-hunting publicity given to the whole affair. For some reason or other, Anzac House has been the target for various snipers who are only heard of in R.S.L. politics when there is a chance for them to become vociferous in ill-informed criticism. One can understand the feelings of diggers about the Italo-Abyssinian War and Italy's swashbuckling defiance of the League of Nations, but it is difficult to understand why diggers

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should not credit the management of Anzac House with at least as much commonsense and esprit de corps as they presumably have themselves. In many cases, a telephone call clarified the position as far as metropolitan sub-branches were concerned. There is no law against League members supplying an afternoon paper with cheap copy, but in one instance at least statements were made which do not redound to the credit of the individual who made them. After operating the number of one digger which contained a crazy suggestion of mob violence. The R.S.L. is a body which is pledged to uphold law and order and the suggestion referred to was not only an incitement to lawlessness but one calculated to stir up trouble that had been averted and hurt the feelings of many Italians who are financial and active members of the R.S.L.

In the older wars, supplies and transport were obtained by the method of requisitioning them from the inhabitants of the country in which an army was operating. The London Gazette of November 17, 1761, mentions what must have been the most extraordinary requisition of the Seven Years' War, or of any other war for that matter. The Gazette states: "The French have demanded from the country of Eichsfeld and Hohenstein 400 cats; and 180 have been delivered to them. The motive for the demand is that the mice eat up their magazines."

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It is not only in salubrious Subiaco that eminent people take the bull by the horns to get milk and other unexpected results. The late Jim O'Rourke, who was for many years Master Gunner in Tasmania and an original member of the Physical Training Instructional Staff, used to tell a story of the three Tasmanian Bulls. The Inspector-General of the Forces had been stirring up things at the Speck's District Headquarters and Jim dropped in on the Garrison Sergeant-Major to find out how that worthy had fared. "Very well," was the reply. "He eulogossed me." Smothering the laugh, Jim hurried off to tell the tale in the Sergeant's Mess. There he found a R.S.M. who had been recently transferred from Sydney explaining to a few others the ins and outs of a tram strike then happening in the Mother State. The strike had been provoked by certain secret service methods inflicted on conductors. "They're not striking for higher pay," the R.S.M. explained. "What they object to is the epissonge." Realising that the story would be wasted here, Jim sought his own quarters, where he hoped to find his offisder, the Battery Sergeant-Major, another man with the traditional Irish sense of humour. He found instead a note on his table which read: "Dear Jim, I've borrowed your ink razor."

Jim, who was a holy terror for changing his arm, left for the war without official permission, gained the Military...
Scabbards Off!

By "Pip Tok"

In a feeble reply to a scathing criticism of his somewhat caustic reflections on men killed in action, Mr. John K. Ewers boasted that the writer had mentioned his name twenty-four times. There was evidently some doubt in the writer's mind as to which would be the more appropriate personal pronoun.

Charlie Chaplin was recently called upon to deny the report of his death. Charlie has often been the victim of this sort of thing. During the war, he was often reported to be on the verge of enlistling. Charlie saw to it that those reports also were unfounded.

German newspapers have roundly condemned the Italians for using poison gas "in violation of international law." Sounds like Satan reproving sin.

In the course of a lecture on the basic wage, Mr. W. Somerville, employees' representative of the State Arbitration Court Bench, said that, when he had had to sit and listen to some housewife undergoing cross-examination upon the details of her poor little household budget, he had often felt his gorge rising. In these days of light rations, it's good to know that someone can have a gorge.

Said Haile Selassie: "I departed to avoid bloodshed." Whose?

The Berliner Tageblatt says that Signor Mussolini had proclaimed the right of the sword. Poison gas presumably symbolises the dirty left.

During the evidence before the S.A. Royal Commission on State Lotteries, it was educed that the general public is becoming more and more "hospital-minded." No wonder, in this age of road hogs and reckless drivers.

In moving for the reduction of the Civil List vote, Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, one of those sturdy tribunes of the people who parts his name in the middle, said that the present King had a more intimate association and friendship with the common people than perhaps any monarch since Charles II. Still and all, as they say in Ireland, it might be indiscreet to push comparisons too far. By all accounts some of the lady friends with whom Charles II had "intimate associations" were decidedly common.

Signor Mussolini says that he has no designs against the British Empire. That's comforting. Once the Empire existed by the grace of God and the strength of the Royal Navy. Now it is maintained by the forbearing of Signor Mussolini and the overbearing of stout fellas like Mr. Beverley Nichols.

In answer to a question as to whether or not the extension of residential areas to the neighbourhood of Fort Nelson, Hobart, had made it impossible for the fortress battery to carry out target practice at night, Mr. Archdale Parkhill said that, in the general interests of the public, the commandant had restricted the firing to daylight hours. The removal of the fort to another suitable locality was under consideration. No doubt when the gunners have been issued with kilts and prettier headgear, the inhabitants of Hobart will feel safe again.
VALE VISCOUNT ALLENBY

The late Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and Felixstowe, who died suddenly about the middle of the month, was born in April, 1851, and received his first commission in the Inniskilling Dragoons in 1882. His first experience of active service was during the operations against the Boer filibusters in Bechuanaland (1884-85) and he was again in the field during the Zulu rebellion of 1888. He graduated from the Staff College in time to serve in the South African War of 1899-1902, taking part in the relief of Kimberley, the Battle of Paardeberg and the advance to Pretoria. At the outbreak of the Great War, the deceased Field-Marshall went to France in command of the Cavalry Division which distinguished itself during the Retreat from Mons, the Battle of the Aisne and the First Battle of Ypres. Major-General Allenby as he then was, was promoted to the command of the Cavalry Corps, successively commanding the Fifth Army Corps, and the Third Army which was engaged in the heavy fighting around Arras in 1917. Promotion and a knighthood were the rewards of his services in France, and when in the latter half of the year, it was decided to make a bold effort to eliminate Turkey from the war, Sir Edmund Allenby was selected for the command of the British Forces on the Eastern Front. The choice was a wise one which justified itself by results. Allenby, a brilliant cavalry leader, was eminently fitted to conduct a campaign of the type that called for open warfare. The capture of Jerusalem and the final destruction of the Turkish armies are matters of history. A peerage, a Parliamentary grant, and the coveted baton of a British Field-Marshall were the honours accorded the conqueror.

Two ancient Arab prophecies were fulfilled in connection with the occupation of Jerusalem on December 11, 1917. Allenby entered the city on foot, because, it is said, that the Arab prophet declared that the Holy City would revert to Christian control only when the leader of a conquering army entered it on foot, and when the waters of the Nile flowed into the town. The latter part of the prophecy was made true by the construction of the famous pipe-line from the Nile Delta to Jerusalem. Notwithstanding Mr. Lloyd George's recent reference to Viscount Allenby as the leader of the Last Crusade, the Field-Marshall, while in command on the Palestine Front, deprecated any talk, either in the Press or in the Mess, of the campaign as a crusade. In his command were Moslems and Jews as well as Christians, and Allenby was naturally reluctant to encourage anything that might offend Mahomedan susceptibilities, either in the army or among British Moslem subjects in India, or French Moslem subjects in Africa.

With his death, Australia's old friend, Sir William Birdwood, becomes the senior Field Marshal of the British Army after His Majesty the King, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Viscount Allenby's only son was killed during the war and now the peerage will pass to his nephew, Lieut. Dudley Allenby.

Trade Treaties

SOME HISTORIC AGREEMENTS

BY C. R. COLLINS

With the conclusion of reciprocal trade treaties between the United States of America and other countries, the world will resolve itself into three main economic groups; the others being the countries similarly linked with the British Empire, and the group united by barter pacts with Germany. These groups, and others probably now in process of formation, may overlap just as international pacts of non-aggression and mutual support overlap, but they have, as Mr. Cordell Hull, the American Secretary of State, pointed out, a vital bearing on war and peace. Here, Mr. Cordell Hull stated a fact that was recognised centuries ago, when England was a primary producing country, striving as Australia is striving to-day to expand the market for her wool.

The English wool trade, which grew out of the development of pasturage in England in the 13th century by the Cistercian and Gilbertine orders, was the basis of the first commercial treaty in English history, that which Edward I. made with the Count of Flanders. At that time, the Flemish towns were the only places where cloth was manufactured extensively so that the prosperity of the English wool merchants depended on having free intercourse with their customers, the manufacturers. Edward I.'s treaty was renewed by his grandson, Edward III., who had claimed the French throne and desired to use Flanders as a base of operations against France, or, failing that, to have a friendly Flanders on his flank during the contemplated invasion. Thus was established a policy which persisted until the 16th century when Spanish tyranny ruined the Flemish cloth trade and drove hundreds of Flemish weavers over the sea to establish their industry in England itself. International politics and commercial relations were closely blended in Henry VII.'s treaty with the Flemings. Local independence had always been keenly asserted in Flanders and the merchant classes were almost continuously at variance with the counts who ruled them. By the end of the Wars of the Roses, Flanders had come under the sway of the Dukes of Burgundy. Margaret, the Dowager Duchess, a sister of Edward IV. and
Richard III., and therefore the implacable enemy of Henry VII., gave harbour and support to the pretender, Perkin Warbeck. Henry's retort was an anticipation of the modern sanctions. He interdicted all trade between England and Flanders. The Flemish merchants then induced their young Duke, Philip the Handsome, to conclude a treaty with England, the Magnus Intercursus, by which, as the price of Warbeck's expulsion from the Duke's domains, they secured important commercial advantages.

THE METHUEN TREATY

The first important trade treaty of modern times had very far-reaching consequences. It was arranged by John Methuen, the ancestor of the late Field-Marshall Lord Methuen, who was then British ambassador to Portugal. Methuen was both statesman and strategist. Like Marlborough, he recognised that the capture of Gibraltar, in the early days of the War of the Spanish Succession, was a victory even more important than that of Blenheim, and he, more than anyone else, was responsible for its retention by England instead of being handed over to Austria. Methuen anticipated Wellington's strategy by securing Portugal as the jumping-off place for the British armies invading Spain. He also saw that France could be injured more in her commerce than on the field of battle. Accordingly, the treaty of alliance he negotiated with Portugal contained the important provision that Portugal should give a free market to English wool in return for which England should admit Portuguese wines at a duty less by one-third than that levied on French wines. Before the Methuen treaty became operative, French burgundy and claret, and Spanish sack and sherry, were the wines mainly consumed in England. As a result of the treaty, more port wine was sent to England and Ireland than to the other countries of Europe put together.

Incidentally, if one may accept the generalisation of John Wesley, the substitution of the heavier port for the lighter French and Spanish wines was the principal cause of the prevailing drunkenness in England during the 18th century.

The treaty of Utrecht, which ended the War of the Spanish Succession, was a compromise which was unpopular in all belligerent countries and no more so than in England, although by it England gained large territorial acquisitions and important commercial concessions. The latter included a monopoly of the slave trade and the famous "assiento" clause by which England was granted the right to send one ship a year to trade with the Spanish colonies in America. This privilege, however, was shamefully abused. The accredited English ship, after discharging its cargo at a South American port, would replenish its stores from other ships in mid-ocean and return. This and the right of search which the Spanish colonial authorities exercised to check the activities of English smugglers, fomented the irritation which culminated in the War of Jenkins' Ear. That war was disastrous for England and for the Prime Minister Walpole, who was forced into it against his will. Only a few years previously, in 1734, Walpole, who had achieved the financial construction of England after the War of the Spanish Succession and the failure of the South Sea Scheme, had been able to boast truthfully to Queen Caroline, "Madam, there are 50,000 men slain in Europe this year, and not one Englishman."

The revolt of the American colonies was caused not so much by Grenville's Stamp Act as by the restrictions which the English Navigation Acts imposed upon their overseas trade. During the war that followed an American secret agent, Silas Beane, negotiated an alliance and a commercial treaty between France and the United States, the first trade treaty between the new world and the old. The Americans signalled their independence by concluding other commercial treaties with Britain and other European countries. But the Navigation Acts were still a source of irritation. In 1782, these Acts which ordained that all merchandise brought into British ports must be carried in English ships or in the ships of the countries of origin, had been relaxed in favour of British colonies. Once the Americans had gained their independence and were no longer British colonies, their ships had to travel to England in ballast in order to pick up cargoes. The American States which had successfully revolted against Spain laboured under the same difficulty. Many of the latter retaliated by excluding British shipping from their ports. The difficulty was finally adjusted in 1825 by Huskisson, who negotiated a series of pacts by which the embargoes were removed and the American and South American republics were placed on the same footing as British colonies.

PITT AND COBDEN

The publication of Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations" had a profound and almost revolutionary effect upon the economic thought of the century. The younger Pitt who, like Walpole, took over the helm of state after a period of great wars and financial stress, adopted Smith's principle of the encouragement of international commerce by low duties. In pursuance of his policy of peace, retrenchment and reform, he set his face against the old prejudice which regarded France as the natural enemy of England. He enunciated the novel theory that mutual reduction of duties would encourage trade, declaring that nothing was so certain to secure peace as the development of commercial relations between the two countries. The treaty he concluded with France in 1786 had a result which was immediately favourable to the British revenue. Before that year, at a conservative estimate, for every gallon of brandy which passed through a British custom-house, at least six were
smuggled into England. The main effect of the treaty was to render smuggling unprofitable in proportion to the risks entailed; the revenue consequently profited.

In the preceding year, Pitt had tried without success to apply the same principle of mutual reduction of duties to Ireland. The measure he proposed was so bitterly opposed by the commercial interests in the House of Commons, supported by Fox and the leaders of the Opposition, that he had to remodel it. In its amended form it was so unfavourable to Ireland that the Irish Parliament rejected it. Had Pitt's counsels prevailed much, if not all, of the subsequent bitterness between Ireland and England would have been obviated. Unfortunately, too, in the matter of France, Pitt's new policy of reciprocal trade was nullified by the French Revolution and the long wars which followed. It was not until 1860 that a treaty, based on that of Pitt, was negotiated by Cobden in terms of which Britain and France each agreed to lower existing customs duties on each other's goods.

The "Open-Door" policy in China which has now been challenged by Japan resulted from war and treaties. Britain's first war with China ended in the opening of five Chinese ports to British traders. Other wars led to the opening of others ports and the subsequent granting of spheres of influence to various European Powers towards the end of the last century.

DUSK—long lines of tethered horses, and to their rear similar long lines of saddles and equipment—riding saddles, machine gun packs, ammunition packs—and behind them again, covered with oil sheets, the vicious little Vickers. Men are lounging about in all sorts of easy attitudes, for the heat has been, as always, a real "stinker." Some are writing that delayed letter home, for you see "Jacko" has been nosing round with a lot of cheek lately, and what with patrols, and camel guards, a chap has not had much time to write to the "girl he left behind him." Others again smoking, playing cards, or just dreamin'. Stable picket has been changed—the old guard is just squatting down to tea, for there is no water to have a wash in, it all has to be carried on camels from the railhead—just enough for drinking purposes for men and horses, so much a day and no more. Cookie for each section has called "come and get it." Dixies are produced, and filled with tea, strong as hell, and blacker. Number 5 biscuits, Fray Bentos, that bug-bear of all troopers—dampened salty Yankee tack it was—made a man feel as if the Power above had put a fire inside him, to give him a perpetual thirst—and possibly a tin of Maconochie sausages or roast dinner, eaten cold. Snatches of song here and there. Darkness, pitch black, settles down. There are no lights allowed. Tents are an unknown quantity. One by one noises cease, and men rise and go to their saddles, take off the cloth and spread it on the sand, for it (the Sinai Desert) the sand which burns you up, and dazzles your eyes in the daytime, freezes you to the marrow of your bones at night—Sain. Then another shadow looms up, and still another. Each one goes to a saddle, and each one verges on to the one already on the sand. One more rug is spread on top of the other, and four figures, or perhaps only three, as Jonesy may be on stables, spread full length, and cover over with the remaining two rugs, adjust their boots under their heads, and after a little desultory talk doze off.

Midnight—dark as the bottomless pit—horses stamping, and here and there can be heard the soothing voice of the picket. Suddenly and piercingly, so it seems, a whistle shrills, three sharp blasts. As if by magic the lines are teeming with rushing men, every one methodically putting hands to gear, saddling up with heartfelt curses, and threatening dire tragedy to the— that won't let a bloke have a good night's sleep. Ten minutes, and the word is passed along. "Off the line as soon as you are ready, and don't take too bloody long about it, if you don't want to be shot with your boots off. See you've got all your gear, ammunition and fodder, and hurry up about it. Come on, men, come on! Stir yourselves," says the sergeant, and because he is a good sort we stir ourselves. Long dim lines appear as man after man falls in on the markers and squares off. I, being in charge of the pack-horse carrying the Vickers, have a double responsibility, in the shape of two horses and a valuable weapon. Troop after troop lines up in column to the tune of jangling equipment, snorting of horses, and growls of men.

The order comes, "No smoking!" Damn and set fire to it, can we anything! I ask my No. 1 where the hell is the No. 2 pack leader. He is missing, so No. 1 goes to look for him. In the meantime No. 2 arrives. A voice comes from the darkness: "Stand by your horses, men. Sergeant, are you all correct?" "Sir, all correct and ready." "Prepare to mount; mount!" "In column of sections, walk, march, tro-o-o, gallop," and we're off, God knows where. No. 1 is alongside. We are full out—curse that gun tripod—the set screw handle has jabbed me in the thigh as we tear along. Damn that hole, as my heads, and still another. Each one goes to a saddle, and each one verges on to the one already on the sand. One more rug is spread on top of the other, and four figures, or perhaps only three, as Jonesy may be on stables, spread full length, and cover over with the remaining two rugs, adjust their boots under their heads, and after a little desultory talk doze off.

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still my old gun-horse (he is the second I have had) lumbers into me with his load, for now the horses—God bless them have gained their night sight, and are dodging, as best they can, the irregularities and pitfalls. Crash! down goes a horse and rider somewhere on the left—Joe pulls out and goes back, but comes racing back with the news that there was no damage done.

After what seems hours comes the order to trot, then a little later to walk, and finally we stop. Men and horses are about blown, for we have galloped far and the going has been rough. The word to dismount is given, and it is the signal for an overhaul of gear ... a tightening of girths and gun straps. Hardly had we seemed to touch ground than the sharp order to mount is given, and we are up again—and what a struggle to climb up, for we are heavily laden. Every man is carrying double canvas bandoliers. Each horse carries two, and the pack-horse carries an extra belt on top of the usual load. In column of troop is the order this time. A section to move off to the right; B to the left; C to follow A, and so on; and presently the word to trot comes back and we are off again, but this time we take a half-left wheel, and our squadron is cut in two. We wonder what is doing.

I talk in whispers to my No. 1. We dare not smoke, and it will not be for long now, as it is 4 a.m. by the watch and the east appears to be getting lighter. We slow to a walk and by that method known to bushmen as "bush telegraph" it comes to us that somewhere out in front the scouts are feeling their way. Suddenly a sharp report sounds out in front, followed by another, then silence.

We are still moving at a walk, and then the order comes, sharp and clear this time. "Trot! Gallop!" and we are off hell for leather. This time it is a little lighter. Ye gods, I wish there were no holes to dodge. Crash! and my gun-horse goes to his knees, drags me half out of my saddle. A frantic tug and he is up again and into his stride. A sudden jolt and my saddle-horse "loses" his hind legs. That damned fool behind is over-riding, and I curse him good and hard, and yell to No. 1 to drop back and clout him if he doesn't keep his distance, for a fall then means disaster to the one to go down. Alright if a bullet or a bit of shrapnel knocks you. You take that chance, but for one of your own mob to down you ... it's not so good. Crack! whee-whee! crack! snap! whee! and the nickled bees are swarming thick. We old hands instinctively lay low along our horses, but new men are not yet wise. One of these is poor old S ... he is riding beside the gun-horse, slightly ahead of me. It's all new to him, and he hardly realises that that "whee" carries death on it's wings. In the pale light of dawn his face is ghastly white.

He came to us with a good record as a gun officer, but he had never been under fire. I call to him to sit low, for he is riding bolt upright, an easy target. He forges ahead ... then I hear him say, "God ... I'm hit." I cannot reach him as he slips from his saddle, for he is on the other side of my gun-horse, and we are galloping over a sandy ridge. Thud! and I am almost unseated as a bullet strikes the rear cantle of my saddle, and we are galloping over a sandy ridge. Thud! and I am almost unseated as a bullet strikes the rear cantle of my saddle, and we are galloping over a sandy ridge. Thud! and I am almost unseated as a bullet strikes the rear cantle of my saddle, and we are galloping over a sandy ridge. Thud! and I am almost unseated as a bullet strikes the rear cantle of my saddle, and we are galloping over a sandy ridge. Thud! and I am almost unseated as a bullet strikes the rear cantle of my saddle, and we are galloping over a sandy ridge. Thud!

He came riding back. He had taken poor S's papers, and valuables, and then buried him—under fire. He rides up to our Major quite unconcerned, and says that he was too late. What a game fighting cock he was. How the devil he wangled the height question beat us. He was afterwards awarded the M.M. for his action ... but we were not left to moralise, for a "Taube" appears overhead, and starts laying her "eggs," and we are compelled to scatter. We circle round a large hill, and the order comes to extend. That manoeuvre completed once more we break to a trot, well spread out now, and in full daylight.

The "Taube" "buzzed off," the movement is slowed down to a walk, and we have time to look around us, to rub our bumps, to inquire how so and so got on, and to see if everything moveable was still secure. It was a fetish with gun-pack leaders to see that everything was ready for instant use. Then we look further afield to see how other units had fared, and finally look to see the nature of the "country" we were in.

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ALBANY.

The monthly dance is now a fixture for the third Friday of each month. Games and frettwork nights will be combined and held every Thursday at 7 p.m. As the winter games competitions will commence in June, financial members are asked to remember that Thursday is playing day. The Anzac Services were well attended. Two sons of deceased soldiers carried wreaths on behalf of the sub-branch and the S.S.L. respectively.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDEVILLE.

Mr. Fred Williams has been appointed sports director. On alternate Thursdays members indulge in shooting, boxing, table tennis, quoits and draughts. It is hoped that a team will soon be entered for the Collett Shield competition. The membership is now 42.

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On the motion of Colonel Lamb, seconded by Colonel Mitchell, it was decided that the matter of a special meeting be left in the hands of the State President.

Relief.—The report of the trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of March showed that 89 cases had been assisted, the expenditure involved being £90/12/11.

Ward 11.—The State Secretary reported having visited Ward 11 in company with Mr. Hunt.

Visits.—The following visits to sub-branches were reported—State President, York, Quairading, Bruce Rock, Merredin, Moorene Rock, Southern Cross and Baandee; Colonel Olden, Kulin, Kondinin, Wickepin, Yealering, Narrogin, Tambellup, Lake Grace, Kukerin and Wagin; Mr. T. Sten, Boddington, Gulguren Manager; Mr. R. Nicholas, Carlisle S.S.L.; Mr. W. J. Wilkins, Mornington Mille; Mr. A. E. Pady, Spearwood.

Federal Executive.—Rabbi Freedman submitted his report on the recent meeting of the Federal Executive, at which he represented Western Australia. The report was adopted and thanks extended to the Rabbi.

Sir Isaac Isaacs.—The State President reported that he, Colonel Olden and the State Secretary had called on Sir Isaac Isaacs when he passed through Perth.

Coronation.—Federal correspondence in connection with the proposed Coronation Contingent was referred to the Management Committee which will act as a Coronation Contingent Committee.

Congress.—Kalgoorlie sub-branch suggested that the Annual State Congress should be held towards the end of January each year. Colonel Fairley addressed delegates on this matter. It was agreed to advise Kalgoorlie to make this an item for the forthcoming Congress and that the sub-branch’s letter be published in “The Listening Post.”

Sub-Branches.—Appointment of officials as advised by Kalgoorlie and York sub-branches was approved.

A letter from Mt. Magnet sub-branch on the subject of State Battery charges was referred to the Mining and Prospecting Committee.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Wyalkatchem sub-branch which had supplied details of its efforts to increase membership.

Wooroloo sub-branch asked that certain questions about the lazarette at Wooroloo be referred to the Minister for Public Health. It was agreed that the necessary action be taken.

The change of the name “Tramway Sub-branch” to “Gloucester Park Sub-branch” was approved. This sub-branch will no longer be a committee of interest sub-branch.

State War Memorial.—The warden of the State War Memorial (Colonel S. R. Roberts) advised that the sub-wardens did not agree that Sons of Soldiers should share the vigil on Anzac Eve. The S.S.L. Committee was advised accordingly.
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received. The committee desired that the Executive give consideration to a previous recommendation which had been referred to Congress. This recommendation asked that application be made to the Youth and Motherhood Appeal Committee for a grant towards S.S.L. activities. In order to allow discussion on this matter, Rabbi Freedman gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the portion of the report submitted to the Executive meeting on 26th February, 1936, dealing with finance, be recommitted.

Empire Shopping Week.—Mr. Watt reported on progress made by the Empire Shopping Week Council, indicating that the opening would take place in the Town Hall on May 25. An exhibition of local products would be conducted by the Local Products Campaign Council in the Town Hall on May 25 and 26. The report was received and adopted.

Visits.—Rabbi Freedman reported on behalf of the Visiting Committee that Lemnos, Edward Millen Home and Ward 11 had been visited. No complaints had been received.

Reports on visits were received as follows:
—State President, Nedlands and R.S.I. Cricket Association: Country Vice-President, Wickepin and No. 4 District Committee.
—Homes Project.—The report submitted by the special committee on the matter of a home for aged ex-service men was discussed at length. On the motion of Mr. Watt and Colonel Olden, it was decided that the committee be asked to continue its activities and meet regularly with the object of obtaining details of a complete scheme for submission to Congress. The committee was given power to add to its numbers.

Invitations.—It was regretted that representation could not be arranged at Kalgooorie on April 23 and 24.

It was agreed that as many as possible would accept the Legacy Club’s invitation to Executive members and wives to luncheon on Anzac Day.

Mr. L. Thorn was asked to represent the State Executive at Midland Junction on Anzac Day.

Invitations from Harvey (May 26) and Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederlive (May 14) were referred to the Management Committee.

An invitation from the Murray sub-branch (date to be arranged) was referred to the Membership Committee, and Geraldston’s invitation for May 25 was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Sub-Branches.—Approval was given for the formation of new sub-branches at Merredin and Pithara.

The appointment of officials as advised by Nungarin and Forrest Grove sub-branches was confirmed.

The proposed itinerary for a visit to the Murchison sub-branches by the State President and State Secretary was approved.

A letter concerning a recent reunion was received from the Yealering sub-branch.

Travelling Facilities.—The report on a deputation to the Midland Railway in connection with travelling facilities for school children in the Mundaring district was submitted by Mrs. Hopper, who was a member of the deputation. The report was received with thanks.

Sustenance.—Quairading sub-branch protested against the State Government taking war pensions into consideration when granting sustenance and proposed circularising other sub-branches on this matter. The State Secretary was instructed to advise the sub-branch of the position in regard to pensions and sustenance and to state that permission must be obtained from the State Executive before circularising other sub-branches. The sub-branch was advised that the question should be referred to the Annual Congress.

Service Stations.—The secretary of the Service Stations Association advised that action was being taken to arrange for all metropolitan and eastern goldfields service stations and garages to be closed on Anzac Day until noon. Approach was being made to the Government to secure the enforcement of the Act. The State Secretary had replied offering the assistance of the League in obtaining this objective. The action was approved.

Unit Associations.—On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Hunt, it was resolved that the Management Committee call together the presidents and secretaries of the various unit associations for the purpose of discussing unit association problems, with the object of assisting them.

6th May, 1936

At the meeting on May 6, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Panton, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Freeman, Warner, Watt, James, Lovell, Wilkins, Mitchell, Pady, Ross, Wells, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas and Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Sten, Collett, Philip, Cornell, Henning and Roche.

Visits.—It was arranged that the Executive would be represented by Mr. Wells and the assistant State Secretary at Harvey on May 26. Reports on visits were received as follows:
—Mr. Hunt, Wiluna; Mr. Warner, Mukinbudin; Colonel Olden, 1st Div. Sign. reunion; Rabbi Freedman, Baseness.

Finance.—On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was decided that the debentures donated by Sir Charles McNess should be lodged with the National Bank for safe custody and that no steps be taken to realise on them before they reach maturity.

Rest Room.—The House Committee reported that consideration had been given to the provision of a rest room in Anzac House. It was pointed out that no suitable room could be made available unless structural alterations were made. It was intended to discuss this aspect with the architect.

Mining.—Colonel Olden reported on State Board recommendations for sand and gravel in connection with representations made by the Mt. Magnet sub-branch. It was decided that a copy of the report be sent to the sub-branch concerned.

Relief.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of April disclosed that 88 applications for relief had been approved, the total expenditure involved being £110/7/6.

Empire Shopping.—On behalf of the Empire Shopping Week Council, Mr. Watt reported that the opening night of the campaign would be on May 25, when the Local Products Exhibition in the Town Hall would also be opened.

Repatriation.—The Federal office requested the Western Australian Branch to nominate a panel of three names for the purpose of selection by the Commission of League’s representative on the State Board for a period of two years. The names submitted in order of preference were Messrs. E. S. Watt, J. Mitchell and A. E. Pady.

Invitations.—It was decided that Mr. Ross Keeling of Muntadin be asked to represent the State Executive at Ardath-Babakin on May 20. Colonel Olden and Rabbi Freedman will attend the Service in Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the Battle of Jutland on May 31.

An invitation from the Katanning Golf Club for June 1 was received.

No. 4 District Committee.—The minutes of the meeting of No. 4 District Committee meeting on March 8 were received and referred to the Land Committee.

Correspondence.—A communication from Kalgooorie sub-branch requesting that the Federal Executive organise a trip to the coronation of King Edward VIII, to embrace all men who served with the colours in any way was received. It was decided that a copy be forwarded to the Federal Executive.

Memorial Hall.—Mr. W. H. Melvin wrote stating that he was endeavouring to raise funds to pay off the debt on the Mt. Hawthorn Memorial Hall. It was agreed that public notice be given to this matter and that Mr. Melvin be thanked for his action.
The Minister for Health wrote that representatives attended the Northam State school to listen to the schools Anzac Service broadcast on April 24. They considered that the Education Department should be congratulated on the very fine and impressive service. It was agreed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Department.

The State President of the Women’s Auxiliary reported on the failure of the breakfast provided by the Auxiliary after the Dawn Service. It was agreed that the thanks of the Executive be sent to the Auxiliary for its efforts, and that regret be expressed at the failure of ex-service men to attend. The matter of reimbursement for the financial loss sustained will be considered by the Trustees.

Blue Ensign.—A letter was received from the ex-Naval Men’s Association thanking the Executive for the action taken to secure permission to carry the Blue Ensign on the Anzac Day parade.

Sub-Branches.—Cottesloe sub-branch expressed appreciation of the action taken by the Executive in regard to pensions.

Bruce Rock sub-branch wrote appreciating the information contained in monthly circulars.

The appointment of officials as advised by Southern Cross and Marvel Loch sub-branches was confirmed.

Lazarette.—The Minister for Health wrote setting forth the official attitude towards the lazarette at Wooroloo. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Wooroloo sub-branch.

S.S.L. Finance.—On the motion of Rabbi Freedman, it was resolved, “That that portion of the report submitted to the State Executive on 26/2/36, dealing with finance, be re-committed.” It was then resolved on the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. R. Nicholas, “That the Executive apply on behalf of the Sons of Soldiers’ League to the Youth and Motherhood Appeal Committee for a grant towards the activities of the S.S.L.”

Acting Secretary.—The assisting State Secretary was appointed acting State Secretary until May 22.

Anzac Day.—Northam sub-branch advised that efforts were made by secretary Syd. Chamberlain, assisted by Gordon Warburton. President Glen Piper gave the address and the lessons were read by past president Wally Noakes, and the Rev. Durrant. On behalf of the sub-branch, Gordon Warburton placed a wreath on the Memorial Tablet, and there were numerous other floral tributes. The reunion smoke social on May 1 was a huge success. Wally Noakes was an efficient M.C. and a valuable musical turn as well. Other items were given by Noel More, Bob Clifton, Syd. Chamberlain, Ted Nutley, Bill Carroll, Arthur Dedman, Fred Knight, George Ashman, and Gordon Warburton. Bill Arthur (10th L.H.), aged 72 not out, gave some real old time songs. Bill’s cobbler’s will be pleased to hear that he is still going strong. He had a touch of the flu a short time ago, but got up from a sick bed rather than miss the Anzac service. The parade state will possibly be of interest to many—Glen Piper, 28th and 44th; Wally Noakes, M.M., 11th and 51st; Syd. Chamberlain, 2nd Black Watch; Charles Ralph, 48th; Fred Smith, 4th Field Coy., England; George Scadener, 51st; W. S. Partridge, 53rd Battery; Noel More, 51st; Ernie Gleed, Mercantile Marine; Fred Knight, 11th Bill, Arthur, W.A L.H.; Sweeney Carlsen, 43rd; Bob Gardner, 10th L.H.; Bob Clifton, 8th Battery; George Ashman, 44th; Stan Bowers, 51st; John England, 16th; Ted Nutley, 4th M.G. Coy.; Arthur Dedman, 28th; Gordon Warburton, 10th L.H.; Bill Carroll, 51st; Ken Hitchcock, 16th.

NEDLANDS

Over 115 signed the attendance book at the meeting on April 5. Among the visitors present were Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs and the State President (Mr. A. Yeates). Two minutes silence were observed in memory of a former member, Mr. E. N. Maclean, 44th Battalion, who passed away in very tragic circumstances at Yanchep on 25th March. Mr. Yeates then placed a poppy on the miniature memorial. The main feature of the evening was a lecture by Mr. Yeates on his service on the North-West frontier of India, about 40 years ago. Refreshments and games brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

GABBIN

The Anzac Day service was well attended, car loads of people coming from Koorda, Kulja and Mandiga. The address was delivered by Mr. Lamb, president of Kulja sub-branch, his remarks being directed more particularly to the younger people present. Wilf Gipbert, president of Gabbin sub-branch, was in the chair and prayers were offered by Mrs. Jack Williams, wife of a very active member of the sub-branch. After the ceremony, afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies.

COllle

The membership drive has added 60 names to the nominal roll. Harry May is still very busy on pension work, while Anzac Day and other matters have kept secretary Bert Stuchbury working overtime. The sub-branch has taken up the matter of the headstones of deceased soldiers in the local cemetery. The weekly dances, organised by the women’s auxiliary, are well patronised. Pending activities are the annual eisteddfod, now only a few weeks off; the annual flower show; and the proposed monster sports meeting at the end of the year. Sub-branch and auxiliary have succeeded in raising £3 in connection with an appeal for a radio set for the Collie Hospital. The sub-branch is also pulling its weight in the local produce campaign. Visits to outlying centres in connection with the membership drive have had satisfactory results. Thanks are extended to those whose generous lending of cars has made these visits possible. It is regretted that unforeseen circumstances prevented the proposed visit to Durambil.

MANJIMUP

Fifty men, under Major Fred Combs, took part in the Anzac Day parade at Manjimup. Manjimup Town Band headed the column, and No. 1 Mill (66th), and Manjimup (117th), and troops of Boy Scouts followed. Diggers and chooms mingled in the march, many of them finding increasing difficulty in putting their aforesaid spades into the step. The congregation at the Memorial Gates
numbered about 200. President Bob Newton, of Manjimup sub-branch, led the addresses and was followed by the Revs. Walter Bushell (Anglican) and S. Slater (Methodist), and Captain Shaw (a lady) of the Salvation Army. "Johnny" Noble sounded the "Last Post" and "Revelle," and the Manjimup band provided the instrumental music for the service. Among the wreaths placed on the Memorial was one in memory of the fallen men of the Anzac's splendid neighbours—the Imperial 29th Division. Toward the conclusion Ike Doust, the new digger M.L.A., said some outstanding things about the attempt, in 1917, to conscript lives whilst money for warfare was merely borrowed. After service about 35 of the troops gathered in the supper room of the Town Hall where Manjimup sub-branch's annual meeting was held. Bob Newton was re-elected president without argument. As vice-presidents, "Jock" L. Mackenzie and Laurie Sims were chosen. Laurie Sims (retiring secretary) reckoned he would be more use in some other sphere, so was not available for re-election. The election of secretary was snappy: "I nominate Jack Smith." "Seconded." "Move nominations close," seconded. "Carried. "Mr. Smith declared elected." Just like that. A small squawk was raised by a P.B.I. man on the grounds that, with Light Horsemen in the two leading portfolios, the gentlemen had too much weight. Bert Stokes (acting secretary of the Road Board) was made treasurer (infantry). This year's Dawn ceremony was most impressive. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to the Livingstone Rover Crew whose members built a cairn on a height overlooking the town. The position, like that of the State school, was a wonderful view. The ceremony at the 103rd Battalion was headed by the head teacher and scholars of the State school. Wreaths were laid before the Honour Board in the Memorial Hall, and the combined service was conducted in the Town Hall under the chairmanship of the president of the sub-branch (George White), assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lambert, with Mrs. A. Smith at the piano. The organ, kindly lent by the Anglican Church, was, through some oversight, left outside the hall, very much to the regret of all concerned.

KALGOORLIE

Over 200 members of the sub-branch, and their friends, were present at the bungalow as the energetic secretary, Lieut.-Col. Clarrice Fairley, on April 4. The president (Mr. R. R. Gibbs) was in the chair. Three members of the local pipers' band opened the proceedings with a skirl of the pipes after which they said a few nice things about what the departing secretary had done for the band. The president paid a glowing tribute to the long and consistent service the departing secretary had rendered to both sub-branch and district. Letters of appreciation were read from the Bishop of Kalgoorlie (Dr. Elsey), the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Western Australia (Rev. A. E. Jones), Messrs. J. P. Thorn, Ernest Williams, J. Manners, John Ede, W. F. Coath (Mayor of Boulder), M. J. O'Dwyer, and the Manager of the Government Hospital, Sisters of St. John of God Hospital, numerous digger friends and others. Eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. C. E. Eccles (senior endowment), Percy Johnson (business interests), Drennans (business interests), A. E. Doig (vice-president of the sub-branch and repatriation doctor), Colin Edwards (a vice-president when Clarrice first took over the onerous duties of secretary), Jimmy Geyer, (an old digger friend), S. Blunderfield (who was very appreciative of the secretary who had done for the speaker's brother in Queensland), Cranston (one of Clarrie's first employers), J. Sheridan (president, Boulder sub-branch) and many others. Mrs. Fairley was also accorded great ovations. In recognition of her many services, especially in the printing of the sub-branch organ, Mrs. Fairley was presented with a silver tray and tea service suitably inscribed. Sustained applause greeted the presentation of a cheque to the treasurer. Mr. Brimage (Mayor of Kalgoorlie), proposed the toast of the R.S.L. and kindred organisations. Responses were made by Messrs. Roy Potts, V. O'Grady, F. Williams, and W. G. Clarke. At Colonel Fairley's request, his old schoolmate and comrade-in-arms, Ted McMahon, the well-known cornet player, rendered "Bonnie Mary" and "Killarney," reviving memories of a similar performance in the front line which had thrilled the hearts of Ginger, and the firing line, and gun fire while our friends the enemy listened in. Other assisting artists were Messrs. Reg Sholl, Stan Jago, Archer Norwood, Percy Johnson and W. Routledge, while Alf Davidson led the boys in community singing.

YEALERING

At the reunion on March 17, the State Executive was represented by Colonel Olden and Mr. D. M. Benson. In his address, Col. Olden stressed the point that ex-Imperial men as well as A.I.F. men should join up and get behind the badge. Visitors included representatives of Yealering sub-branch, and special thanks are due to Mr. Berry, who travelled 30 miles to preside at the piano. There was a hundred per cent. attendance at the Anzac Day commemoration. The address was given by Mr. Murray, the local school master, who served with the 39th Battalion. The Rev. Mr. Boon took the service. Preparations are now in hand for the Anzac Ball at which a good attendance from neighbouring sub-branches is invited.

BASSENDEAN

Membership is increasing, new names being added to the nominal roll at every meeting, so that the secretary (F. Leng) is kept busy issuing receipts and badges. Recently, Bassenhead had the pleasure of entertaining the Subiaco sub-branch, and the visit was returned, both occasions providing enjoyable evenings. Members are now in hard training for the A.R.M.S. competitions.

MUNTAGIN

The monthly meeting was held at Mr. Keesing's residence on April 4. The president, secretary and eight other members were the guests of the Bruce Rock sub-branch on the occasion of the State President's visit. An interesting evening was spent and much valuable information absorbed. The soldier settlers' difficulties was given by Mr. Yeates. Mr. Yeates and Captain J. J. Hooper gave some interesting reminiscences of the South African War in which they had both served. It was decided to hold another picnic for the children of the district on Empire Day. The first card party of the season was a huge success, thanks to efficient organisation. Mrs. J. J. Hooper was the capable pianist whose playing made the dancing so enjoyable.
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ARMADALE
A representative number of local diggers journeyed to Perth to attend the service on the Esplanade on Anzac Day. The local commemoration was the best attended in years; the parade strength was approximately 130, among those marching being the local troop of Boy Scouts and schoolchildren of the head teacher, Mr. Hayes. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Budge and Mr. Series. Mr. J. C. H. Gray, president of the sub-branch, and Mr. J. R. Deering, representing the citizens, delivered the addresses to approximately 270 members of the general public. Wreaths were laid by representatives of the sub-branch, Boy Scouts and Cubs. Mr. Watkins, a member of the sub-branch, sounded the customary calls. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, card and social evenings on the second Friday.

OSBORNE PARK
Having defeated Bassendean by eight to two in the A.R.M.S. competition, members are now practising hard for the match against Maylands. The Anzac Day commemorations were well attended. The main service was held in the Agricultural Hall at 3 p.m. The Coastal Scottish Pipe Band headed the march. Among the visitors were Lieut.-Col. C. Fairlie, the assistant State Secretary (Mr. G. Ferguson), Mr. C. R. Hurst, president of the Scottish Church Society (Mr. J. Sandicome) and Mr. C. Chantler, president of the sub-branch (Mr. J. Gardner). Addresses were given by Col. Fairlie, and Padre C. Brown, assisted in the service. Mr. Godrell of the Methodist Church presided over the organ. Wreaths were laid by Mrs. Doug. Foreman (sub-branch), Mrs. Bond (Anglican Church), Mr. J. O. A. Chantler, president of the Anglican Church (sub-branch). Jim McGann conducted the "Last Post" and "Revelle" and the parade was directed by Mr. Jas. Nicoll (late Gordon Highlanders). The thanks of members were extended by Mr. R. M. Bennett, the vice-president, to the wife and family of the late George Gardner, having been safeguarded and that the welfare and education of the family are in competent hands. The sub-branch was presented with the sick committee to the Perth Hospital on April 21. Bassendean defeated Osborne Park in the Shield games on April 22. The Fire Brigade and Boy Scouts co-operated with the sub-branch in the local observance of Anzac Day at which about 50 ex-service men were present. Special mention must be made of the singing of the Maylands choir and soloists Mesdames Scobie, Matthews and Miss McSwain. After remarks by the chairman of the Bassendean Road Board and the vice-president of the sub-branch (Mr. R. A. McDonald), addresses were given by the president (Mr. R. Grieve) and Padre H. Vine. Wreaths were laid on the Memorial and Bugler Price sounded the calls. The social committee is now arranging matters for the winter months. Over 40 members attended the general meeting on April 30. Rabbi Freedman, who represented the State sub-branch, delivered the address. Mr. R. A. Grieve and Mr. S. Price welcomed and answered several questions, promising to bring certain requests before the State Executive. Appreciation of the Rabbi's visit was heartily expressed. One subject discussed was the need of a well-considered policy of letting Public Works be done by private contract.

KOJONUP
The meeting on May 1 was presided over by the president (Mr. McPhail). Colonel Birt, delivered the address at the Anzac Day observance, at which 55 troops paraded and about 280 members of the general public were present. Thanks to the work of the Kojonup branch of the Country Women's Association and the sub-branch, the children's playground is nearing completion. Increased attendance at meetings is an encouragement to the committee. At the next meeting there will be a discussion on the advantages of Empire conscription.

SUBLACO
Colonel J. Mitchell presided over a well-attended meeting on April 23, when the final arrangements for Anzac Day were made. The duties of the vigil were well carried out and the sub-branch is very proud of the women who took part. In order to keep moving the crowds that inspected the wreaths on the Memorial, the guard remained on duty until 6 p.m. on Anzac Day. The local ceremony was held at the Memorial Clock in the afternoon by the sub-branch in co-operation with the municipal council. Wreaths were laid by Colonel Mitchell (R.S.L.), Mr. L. Downe (council), Mrs. Downe (women's auxiliary), Miss Gardell-Oliver, M.L.A., Sublac School, Girl Guides and many others. The Mayor (Mr. L. Downe) presided over the service and dinner in the Town Hall. Addresses were delivered by Colonel Mitchell and the Rev. E. P. McEvoy. On Sunday, April 26, the sub-branch was officially represented at three church services in the suburbs. Mr. E. Condon (vice-president) occupied the chair at the meeting on May 7, when the question of a card evening on May 16 was discussed.

ALBANY
Mr. L. S. Barnett took the chair at the monthly meeting on April 21. A letter from the Town Clerk intimated that the Town Hall would be available for the Anzac Day ceremony. Members were gratified at the response of local picture theatre managers to the sub-branch's request that Anzac Day should be observed as a closed holiday. Approval was given for the S.S.L. to conduct a raffle on the night of May 1. Recruits for membership are active, and the sub-branch will make a bold bid for the Newdegate Cup this year. The establishment of a sub-branch organ is under consideration. In addition to the public celebration of Anzac Day, members attended a special Anzac Service at Scots Church on Sunday, April 26.

TAMBELLUP
Anzac Day observance took the form of a Dawn ceremony and an afternoon parade at the Memorial, which was followed by a service in the Road Board Hall. Mr. T. A. Daddow, president of the sub-branch, took the chair and gave a short but impressive address. The principal speaker was Mr. Steward, a member of Gnowangerup sub-branch and secretary of No. 4 District Committee. Mr. R. Grieve, president of the District sub-branch, delivered the address. Mr. Sawson, who sounded the calls. At a sub-branch meeting after the service a full special meeting decided to proceed with the purchase of a property under offer for a club room.

MUNTADGIN
The meeting on May 2 was held in the premises owned by Mr. A. E. Buege. It was decided to postpone the children's picnic from May 24 to the King's Birthday (June 29). The sum of £1 was handed over to the hall committee as a donation to the building fund. A service was held in the hall on Sunday, April 26, the Rev. Busby being the preacher. Mr. Ross Keesing delivered an address. Anzac Day observances were held by the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Mr. Busby was given a farewell afternoon tea on the eve of a twelve months' trip to England. On Anzac Day parties from Muntadgin visited local schools and the Rev. R. E. Stone delivered the address.

The annual meeting will be held on April 24 at 7.30. Senior nominations for the various offices must be in the hands of the secretary before Friday, May 22.
CARLISLE

The Anzac Service, held in the Carlisle Hall, although short was most impressive. The Victoria Park Band was in attendance. Wreaths were placed by the sub-branch, women's auxiliary, Girl Guides and others. The address was given by the president (Mr. W. Marshall).

NORTH PERTH

At the April meeting, members listened to a very interesting address by Mr. H. D. Moseley on the aboriginal problem. This was one of a series of lectures which the committee is arranging for the winter months. The general meeting on May 18 was held for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. Financial membership has increased by 100 per cent. during the last two months; but there is still room for improvement.

The women's auxiliary gave the boys from Lemnos and Edward Millen Home an outing to Araluen which was followed by a high tea, dancing and concert items. On Friday, May 22, the ladies are conducting a monster bridge evening at St. Hilda's Hall, where additions and renovations are nearing completion. There will be prizes and an excellent supper, tickets for which are only 1/6. Tables may be booked with the president or secretary of either sub-branch or auxiliary.

DARLING RANGE

The quarterly business meeting was held on March 21. At the meeting on April 18, a former reunion which made the quarterly meeting the business of the club, and the rest social was rescinded as members felt that that arrangement having been given a trial had proved a step in the wrong direction. On April 21, members visited South Perth for a games night. They were welcomed by the president of the South Perth sub-branch (Mr. Day), and though the visitors were defeated at parlour bowls and rifle shooting, the evening was a most enjoyable one. The combined service was held on Anzac Day in the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall. A march was entered by the local Barber led the march and the address was given by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. R. I. Tanner).

MT. HELENA

Boy Scouts, and representatives of various local bodies joined with the sub-branch and women's auxiliary in celebrating Anzac Day. The attendance was about 50 more than that of last year. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Harfield and Rev. Farman. Mr. Jones, the digger schoolmaster, gave a most interesting and inspiring address in which he described the historic landing sport. Mr. Stapley at the piano accompanied the singing of Miss Stapley's choir of school children. Mr. Hoffman sounded the calls. The floral tributes were far in excess of what had been expected as the local gardens have felt the effects of the dry season.

CLAREMONT

At the May meeting vice-president Sam Smith, who took the chair in the absence of the president welcomed five new members. Membership has now reached the 150 mark. A request from the Oxford Movement for permission to visit the sub-branch and address the meeting was noted on March 18 at the last meeting. If the absence of calls on the aluminate funds is any criterion, the sub-branch can congratulate itself on the fact that the times have improved considerably for diggers in the district. The Children's Ball held last month was a great success and a fitting reward for the work of the social committee, ably assisted by the women's auxiliary. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the attitude of District Headquarters towards a request by the sub-branch that the S.S.L. be allowed the use of the Claremont Drill Hall for meetings. The official reply hinted that this could be granted only if members of the S.S.L. also became members of the Militia Forces. Through the courtesy of the management, Anzac Day was held in the Claremont Picture Theatre. The speakers were Mr. Briggs, president of the sub-branch, and Mr. Mengers, the mayor of Claremont, while the singing was led by the Mission Band. The thanks of the sub-branch are tendered to all who assisted in the parade and the service. On May 5 Claremont defeated West Leederville in the A.R.M.S. competition round.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Having finally decided to enter the A.R.M.S. games the various captains were appointed and immediately got to work on their selections. The first of our intended victims happened to be a "smag" in the way of Perth, and if it had not been for our angel with the pea-rifle, they would have had a hundred per cent. walk-over. Whether our representatives of whom there were enough turned up to win Perth, got windy at being allowed to play in the main hall at Anzac House I don't know, but fortunately sport and pleasant gatherings with our old coppers being the main consideration we are not usually worried at one little dig-in-the-rims. As we are to meet another hard nut to crack, in our own dup-a-dot, for the second round things should be evened up. An enthusiastic sub-committee is now engaged arranging socials for the winter evenings, the first of which takes place on June 13, and judging from the programme, it should be a really good social event. Anzac Day turned out to be ideal from the weather point of view, and at our own service there was an attendance of about 500 persons from the district, including 76 returned men from both North Perth and our own sub-branches.
EMPIRE BUILDING

The idea of holding the 24th of May as a day of Empire celebrations was first advanced by the Earl of Meath. By introducing such an anniversary into schools he hoped to inspire patriotism and loyalty to the flag among the rising generation.

The first official celebration took place in 1904 and recognition of Empire Day is now widespread among the Dominions.

It was particularly appropriate that this date should have been chosen. Being the birthday of Queen Victoria it had, during her long reign, been a day of public rejoicing. She, too, was the first British monarch to be ruler of an Empire. At the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, representative troops from every British colony met for the first time.

Who were the first founders of the British Empire? They were such sailors, explorers and traders as Raleigh and Drake. After them came the settlers and pioneers. The spirit of adventure, the love of freedom, and the desire for better living sent forth from Britain our long line of colonists. They had no thought of Empire building. Their goal was wide wheat fields, rich pasture lands, orchards, flocks, gold!

Yet with them, they carried an intense love for their Mother country, and a great reverence for all her traditions. Through their hardships and toil, their prosperity and consolidating the invisible tie bound them—so much so, that generations who know not Britain still speak of it as Home. Every man who has cleared his acres of virgin bush, every woman who has made a home in the outback enters the long lists of Empire builders.

In his "Great Wall of India" Ian Hay writes: "The history of our country owes little or nothing to inspired leadership . . . Our strength has always lain in the middle—in the natural courage and ranging a social to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall. Teams have been selected to contest the first round the A.R.M.S. competition against Fremantle. Captains of the several teams are Wallie Tolmie (bridge), Harry Taylor (draughts), M. Vickers (table tennis), C. F. Jennings (rifle shooting), Tom Fitzsimmons (quotes).
sturdy common sense of our Other Ranks. Most of our victories, whether in war, industry or politics, have been, what we are proud to call 'Soldiers' Battles'... that is how we have built up an Empire.

The traditions of our Empire have been passed on to us. Our obligations to our own family of nations are as great to-day as ever they were. We are threatened by foreign powers, not perhaps in warfare, but most certainly in trade and commerce. Therefore, it is necessary that we rally round trade and commerce. Therefore, it is necessary that we rally round.

Some of our victories, whether in warfare, but most certainly in trade and commerce, have been, what we are proud to call 'Soldiers' Battles'... that is how we have built up an Empire.

Empire Day has been chosen as a time to celebrate our achievements and to remember the sacrifices made by those who served in the past. Recognising this, the week following Empire Day has been chosen as Empire Shopping Week, when special displays of local and Empire goods will be shown all over the State. As auxiliary to the R.S.L. it falls upon each of us to endeavour to bring before the public the urgent necessity of showing their practical loyalty by spending their money on goods, locally made, Australian-made and always British— for Buyers are Builders.

Functions, Social and Otherwise

It is hoped that auxiliary members will be very much in evidence at the Town Hall on the evening of the 25th of May on the occasion of the official opening of the Empire Shopping Week Campaign. There will be a display of local manufactures, and this will be continued on the 26th as well. Information has been received of much activity this year among the auxiliaries during Empire Week. Carlisle, Victoria Park and Maylands are organising Empire Balls; Mundaring, Neltlands and Subiaco are holding essay competitions at the local schools.

The quarterly social for all auxiliary members will take place in the Anzac House Ballroom, the 11th of June. Please note departure from the usual date, Mondays being engaged. This time both the entertainment and catering will be in the hands of the State Executive.

Executive members, past and present, are reminded that the quarterly at-home will be held on the 5th of June. There will be the usual tea and talk. There are still many former members that we are waiting to welcome.

VICTORIA PARK

An apron, worked by Mrs. Solly, who has unfortunately been on the sick list, was raffled at the meeting on March 27. The winning ticket was No. 29. Mrs. White reported that she and Mrs. Caldwell visited the Edward Millen Home during the month. At the time there were 18 patients in the Home. The donation of Minties and cigarettes was gratefully received. On behalf of the patients, Mr. Mason presented Mrs. White with a work basket. Following the jumble sale on May 9, a Children's Empire Ball will be held in the R.S.L. Hall on May 29, for which the price of admission will be sixpence. Mrs. H. Taylor, as usual, supplied the auxiliary wreath for Anzac Day.

Following the Children's Ball on May 29, the anniversary carnival will be held in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall on the following night, Saturday, May 30. The raffle on April 24 was won by Ray Hood of Sunbury Road, Victoria Park, with ticket 2206.

SOUTH PERTH

On May 3 patients from Lemnos and the Edward Millen Home were entertained to an outing to Scarborough and City Beach, which was followed by high tea at the Swan Street Hall. The sub-branch orchestra supplied music for the occasion and items were rendered by Mesdames De Catter and Ward. The thanks of the auxiliary are due to all who helped to make the afternoon such a pleasant one.

KIRUP

The election of office-bearers for 1936 took place on the 20th February. The following ladies were elected—President, Mrs. F. Goddard; secretary, Mrs. J. Lavery; vice-president, Mrs. A. Warner; treasurer, Mrs. F. Balcombe; committee, Mesdames T. Smith, Saldar, Owen, Beattie, Harvey and G. Goddard, sm.

It was decided to hold the meeting bi-monthly and simultaneously with those of the sub-branch, so that husbands and wives can travel in to Kirup together. This is, particularly suitable for those living at a great distance.

On Anzac Day the service was held in the hall at 11 o'clock, followed by a march to the War Memorial and the placing of wreaths. Tea was provided by the auxiliary for the sub-branch and visitors. In the afternoon the service at Balancing was attended by members of the sub-branch and the auxiliary. A wreath was laid on Balancing Memorial. The annual ball will be held on the
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St., (off View Street)</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
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<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevards, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St. North Perth</td>
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<td>40th-FOURTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>Annual Reunion, Tuesday of Show Week</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
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### Darling Range

Notwithstanding adverse weather conditions the bridge evening on April 21 was not so bad as it might have been. Heavy rain fell and the lights went out, but the men of the sub-branch came to the rescue with a hurricane lamp, a coil of matting, and a set of bowls. The fourteen stalwarts who braved the rain enjoyed themselves. The evening on May 4 proved a great success both socially and financially.

### F.U.S.W.

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting held on the 7th of May. Mrs. Dean was met by a number of guests and several new members. It was explained that owing to the 4th of May being a public holiday the bridge had been postponed to a date in June—to be advertised later.

The speaker was Mr. Lewis, of 6WF. Facing a “flesh and blood” audience instead of a microphone in no wise detracted from his delivery of a very charming talk on the “History of Broadcasting.” At the commencement, he related a personal experience of hearing a broadcast by mountain baboons near Simonstown, C.P. A large number, having followed a camping party, settled about 150 yards away at night-time. The baboons posted sentries at intervals and sent the night a siren would wake up the whole company, chatter to them loudly for a time then relapse into silence. Certain African tribes, broadcast by means of hollow logs and drums, tapping out the messages. In 1668, Samuel Pepys listened in at the Royal Society, London, by means of some mechanical type of sound amplifier, like an ear-trumpet, to the sound of rowing on the Thames. Three years later, the megaphone was invented. After Faraday, came Ronalds, whose telegraph system the Admiralty, in 1816, refused to accept. He was 50 years before his time. The arrest of a murderer by means of a telegraph system on the G.W. Railway did much to popularise it, many years later. By the invention of A. Graham Bell, in 1876, of the electric telephone speech was made possible in place of signals. There was running in Buda-Pesth, as early as 1895, a telephonic newspaper, with 6,000 subscribers. Between news items, vocal and instrumental selections were given, also discussions on popular topics. The first official British broadcast was inaugurated in the studio at Chelmsford, in 1921, with Dame Nellie Melba singing “Home Sweet Home.”

Appreciation of Mr. Lewis’s talk was expressed by acclamation. Thereafter Miss Peggy’s Esler’s pupils entertained in song, dance and recitation, the artists including a diminutive performer, Baby Rice and also Miss Eunice Pinker, winner of the Dewar Cup, 1936, for dancing. All members are reminded of the annual meeting which will be held in the ballroom of Anzac House on the 4th of June. This will be a very special occasion as it will be the 21st birthday of the Union.

### Cranbrook

Anzac Day was celebrated at Cranbrook, wreaths being laid on the Memorial by the sub-branch and by Mrs. E. Hazel on behalf of the auxiliary. The address was delivered by the Rev. Stevenson, of Gnowangerup. After the service, a flag was dropped by the auxiliary. At the meeting on April 2, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. C. J. McDonald; secretary, Mrs. L. James; and treasurer, Mrs. G. Peacock. The auxiliary has undertaken the duty of placing name-plates on the trees in the local Avenue of Honour.

### Carlisle

Over 20 ladies attended the bridge party at the residence of Mrs. Nicol on April 15. The bridge prize was won by Mrs. Milligan and the honour for rummy went to Mrs. Hutchinson. A successful social and dancing was held in the Memorial Hall on April 29. Those who contributed musical and other items during the evening were Mrs. Arnold, Zena Cable, and Misses. Barney Green and Teddy Cawney. The raffle was won by Mrs. Crompton with ticket No. 98. The Anzac Day service was well attended. The president (Mrs. Dyson) laid a wreath on the Honour Board on behalf of the auxiliary. The monthly meeting on May 2, was well attended. Forthcoming functions are the Poster Local Industries Ball on May 27, for which the admission charge is eightpence, and the jumble sale on May 31. Both will be held in the Memorial Hall.

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